

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-8, 11-13, 15-18 and 60-70 will be pending.

I. Amendments

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 10 and 11. To expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 10 (without intervening claims 2-4) and respectfully submit that, as amended, claim 1 is allowable over the cited art. Applicants have also added new claim 60 which represents claim 11 rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 2-5. New claims 61-70 depend from new claim 60 and are similar to the claims which depend from claim 1 (e.g., original dependent claims 6 to 8, 10, 12, 13 and 15 to 18).

Please note that claims 9 and 14 were previously canceled in Applicants' response of May 24, 2006.

II. Conclusion

Applicants believe this application to be in condition for allowance. Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney should any issues remain.

A separate Request for Extension of Time is included herewith with authorization to charge the requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due regarding this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian M. Dugan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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